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Filed: June 19, 1998 : Dept. 917, Bldg. 006-1
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For: OPTIMIZING THE PERFORMANCE OF : Rochester, MN 55901
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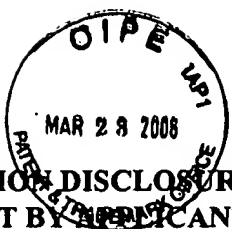
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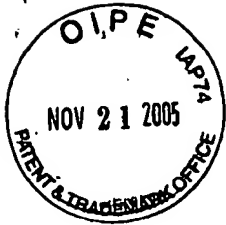
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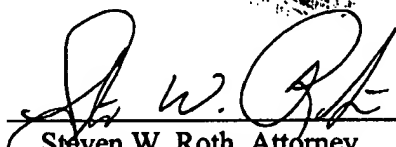
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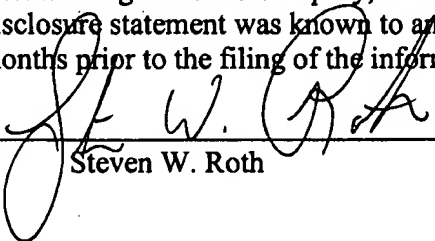
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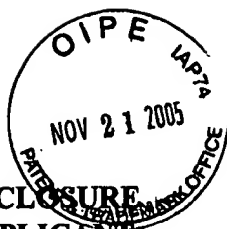
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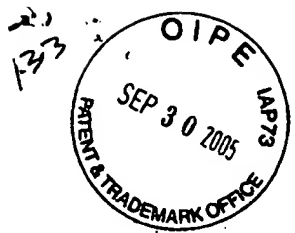
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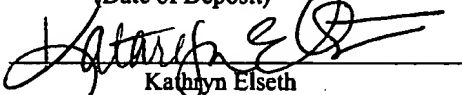
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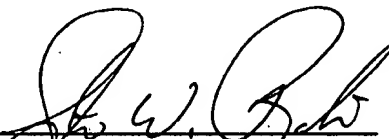
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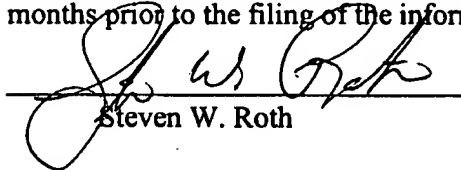
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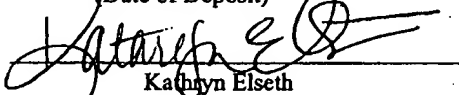
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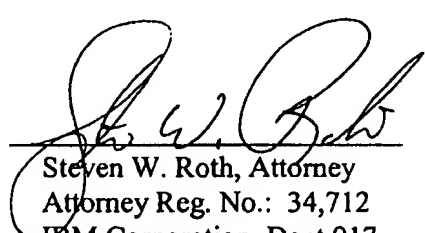
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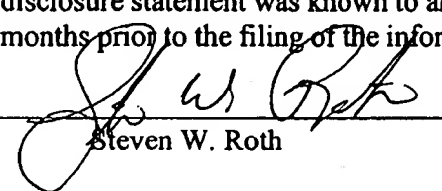
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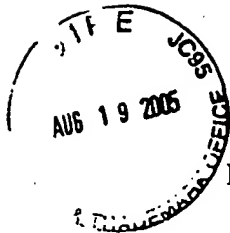
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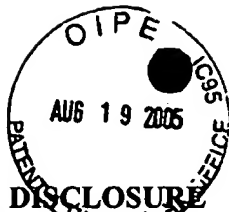
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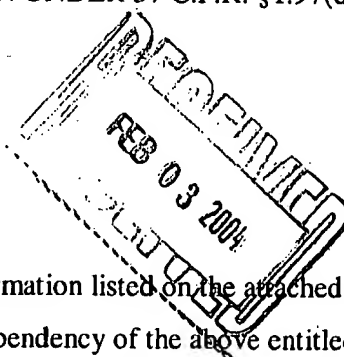
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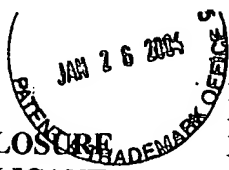
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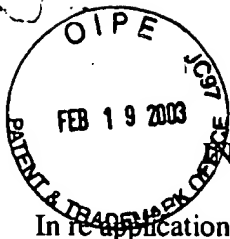
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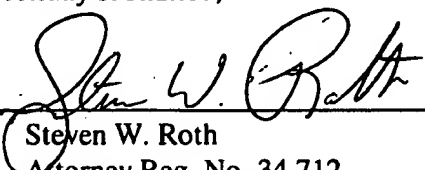
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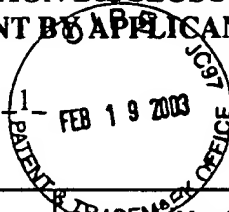

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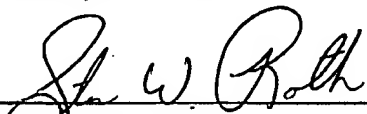
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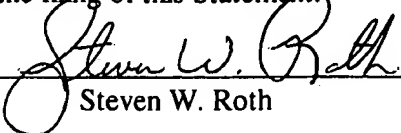
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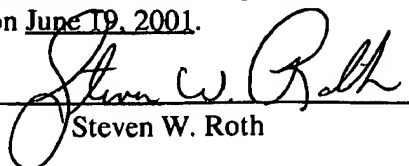
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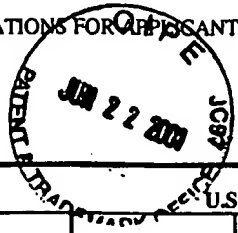
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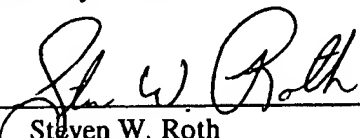
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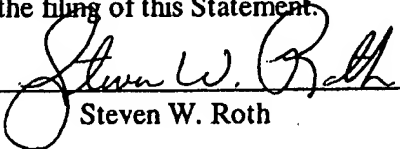
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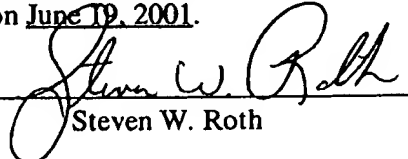

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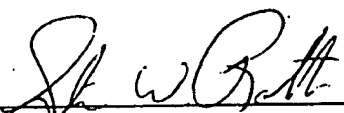
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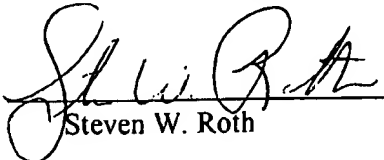
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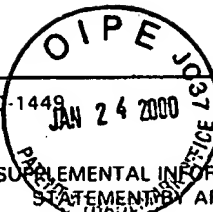
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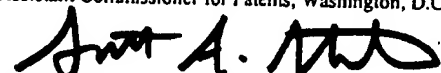
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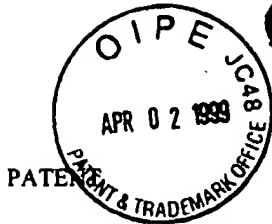

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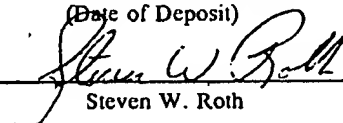
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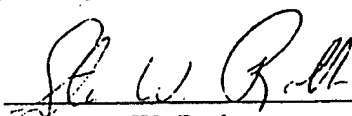
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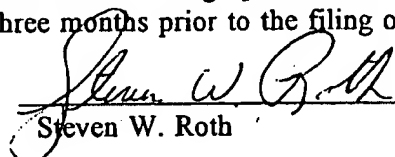
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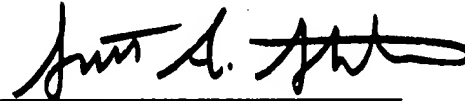
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